

State of South Carolina

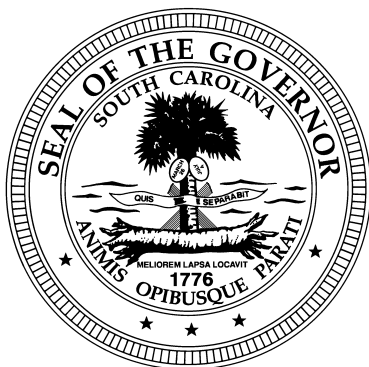
Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** there are over 329,000 small businesses in the Palmetto State which employ 48% of the state's private sector workforce and pay \$6 billion in annual wages; and
- WHEREAS,** South Carolina small businesses provide vital leadership in business and communities, contributing stability and growth to our economy; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of South Carolina works diligently to enhance the climate for small business and improve the breadth of resources available to assist with start-ups and company growth; and
- WHEREAS,** the Palmetto State is home to the nationally recognized *South Carolina Business One Stop* Website providing business assistance at www.scbos.com; and
- WHEREAS,** Small Business Week provides a unique opportunity to honor the many and varied contributions of the small business community; and
- WHEREAS,** this year, the Palmetto State will hold its 3rd annual Salute to Small Business, honoring the 2006 South Carolina Small Business Person of the Year and showcasing the diversity and importance of our small business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 9 – 15, 2006, as

SOUTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join me in honoring our small business community for the leadership role they play in the state's economy, the jobs they provide to our residents, the vital products and services they provide, and the technology they advance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA